

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Quayle Action that claims 1-4 and 6-9 are allowed.

The abstract has been amended to overcome the objection applied thereto.

The title has been amended to be more indicative of the claimed invention and overcome the applied objection.

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4, rather than claim 1, as requested in the Quayle Action for overcoming the applied objection. Because claim 5 depends from allowed claim 1, allowance of claim 5 is warranted.

With regard to the certified copy of the priority document mentioned in the Quayle Action, the Applicant notes that the present application is a National Phase of a PCT International Application. Attached is a copy of the certified priority document obtained from the WIPO web site for the International Application, bearing an indication that WIPO received the document on December 23, 2004. Under MPEP §1893.03(c)(II), the International Bureau will forward a copy of the certified priority document to each Designated Office that has requested such document with an indication that the priority document was submitted in compliance with the rule and the date the document was received by the International Bureau. This indication may be in the form of a WIPO stamp on the face of the certified copy. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as a Designated Office, will normally request the International Bureau to furnish the copy of the certified priority document upon receipt of applicant's

submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 to enter the U.S. national phase. The copy from the International Bureau is placed in the U.S. national stage file. The copy of the priority document received from the International Bureau with the indication above is acceptable to establish that applicant has filed a certified copy of the priority document.

Thus, the Applicant is not required to provide the certified priority document to the Office, contrary to the statement in the Quayle Action. Accordingly, an indication that the requirements for establishing a claim for priority is respectfully requested in the new Office communication.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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